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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mohammed N. Islam  
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Examiner: Monbleau, Davienne N.  
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Title: Broadband Sagnac Raman Amplifiers and Cascade Lasers

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Examiner:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, Applicant respectfully  
requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following  
comments.

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